GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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DEMAND OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated demand of petroleum products / Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) during the last three years, particularly in the tribal areas and the actual supplies made thereof ; State-wise;

(b) whether any marketing plan for selling the petroleum products / LPG in the country during the current year has been prepared by the Public Sector Oil Companies ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) : The details of State-wise consumption of petroleum products / LPG during the last three years are at Annex. The Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) market LPG in various parts of the country as per the requirements.

(b) & (c) : OMCs are free to set up dealership/distributorships as per their commercial considerations. OMCs have also prepared a common industry marketing plan for setting up of 791 LPG distributorships in various markets of the country. However, as a matter of policy, OMCs have been advised to concentrate their future expansion plans in semi-urban and rural areas.